

H. M. to Lord North

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Lord North I can easily conceive that there are particular occasions which inevitably must arise in a popular Assembly, that must oblige any man of penetration not to continue opposing what he might in the beginning of a Debate judge best rejected. As I applaud the Commander that when he sees the Service requires it strikes out a path different from his Instructions, feeling it is at the risk of his life; such a conduct has the brave Robert not shown by his bold but well judged step of going with his Convoy to the relief of Jersey, which cannot fail of redounding to the advantage of his Country and to his own Reputation, had there conducted themselves with the same zeal the American contest had long ended to the credit of the Mother Country.

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